

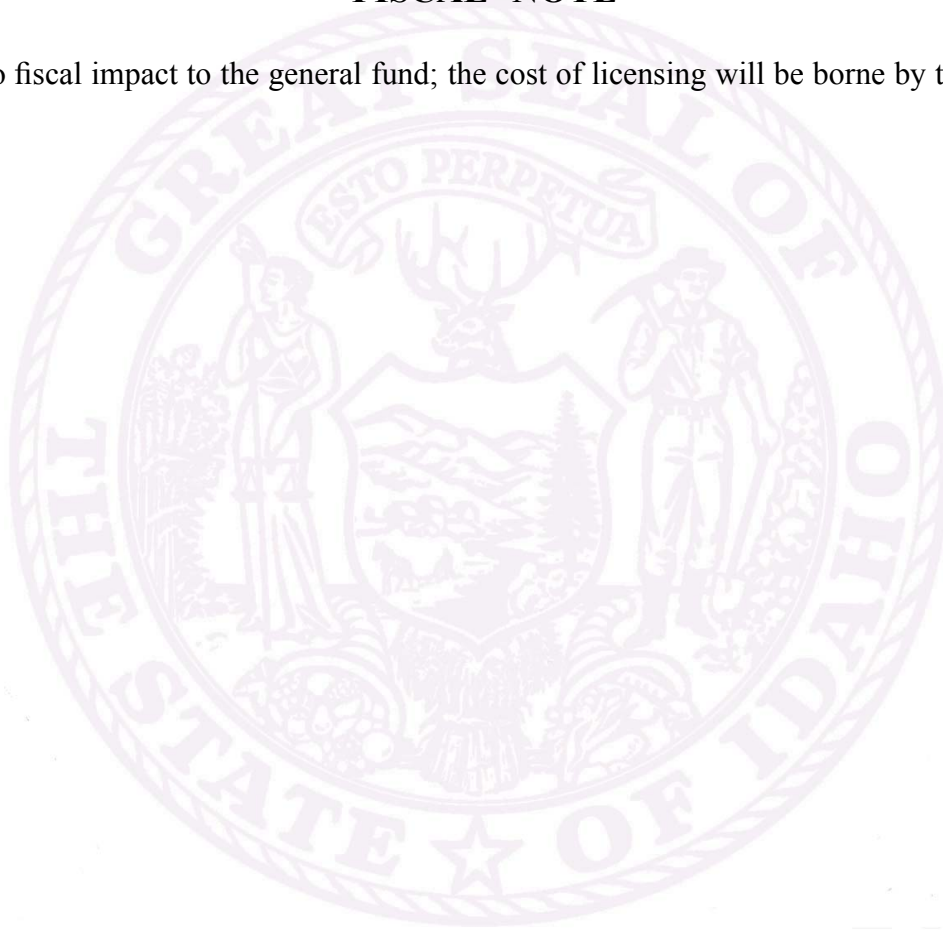
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20188

The purpose of this legislation is to add a new Chapter 40 to Idaho Code Title 54 to provide a process for licensing massage therapists. Massage therapy has become an accepted part of conventional medicine to assist patients working to improve their health or recovering from an injury or a medical procedure. Currently, anyone may advertise themselves as a massage therapist regardless of their level of training or lack thereof. Requiring a license of professional and trained massage therapists will insure that citizens seeking this form of therapy will receive appropriate care.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund; the cost of licensing will be borne by those seeking licenses.



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